SIFTER: Search Services for Digital Libraries

CLIOH: Cultural digital Library Indexing Our Heritage

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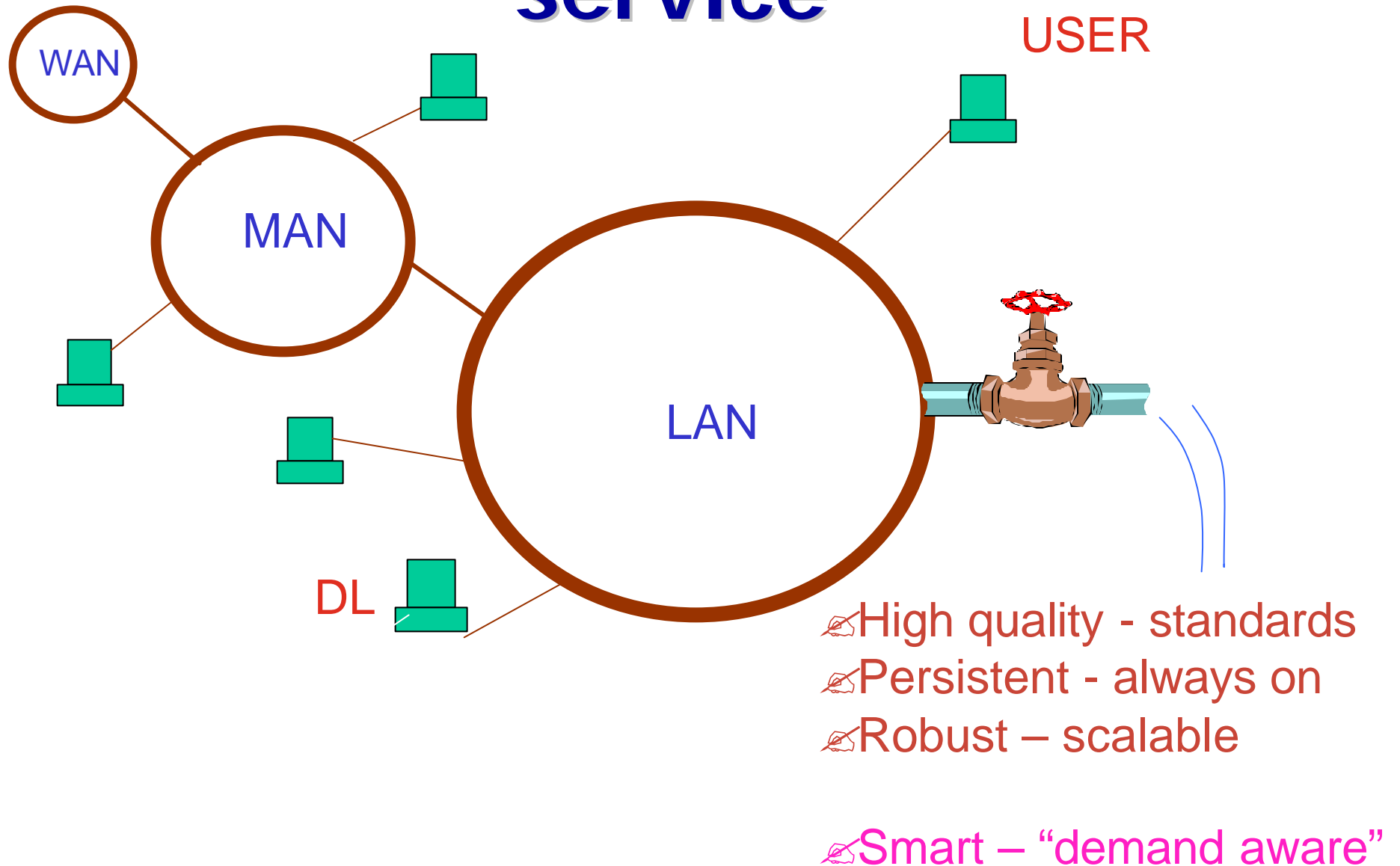**CLIOH Research Team**

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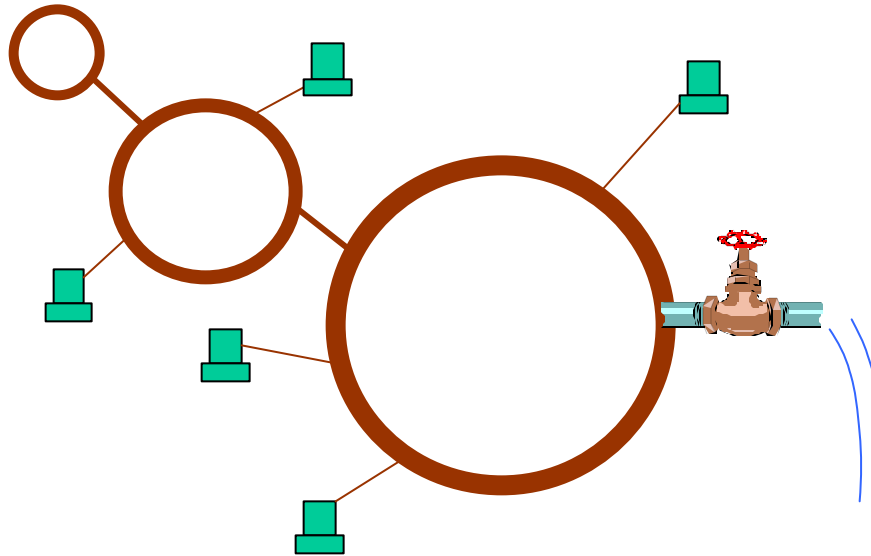Indiana University Bloomington

Search

- ✍ **Information searching is a basic necessity …**
  - ✍ **Critical to the usefulness of a digital library**

- ✍ **Information available through a digital library may actually come from many different sources (both historical and recent)**

- ✍ **Users may need access to multiple digital libraries – distributed across the globe**

Search as a "utility" service

WAN

MAN

LAN

USER

DL

- High quality - standards
- Persistent - always on
- Robust – scalable

- Smart – "demand aware"

Effective Search Service

- ?Organization
  - ?Aggregation
  - ?Representation
  - ?Classification

- ?Matching
  - ?Delivery media & devices: (customization)
  - ?Users' interests: (query & profile personalization)

- ?Presentation & interaction
  - ?Prune, cluster, rank, format, visualize

Key Challenges

1. Data Diversity
   - Diverse sources
   - Numerous formats
   - Heterogeneous content
2. Dynamic Environment
   - Content drift
   - Quality change
3. User needs
   - User's demands are context-sensitive
   - User's interest vary and may change over time

Rising to the Challenge

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SIFTER

Smart Information Filtering Technologies for Electronic Resources

Developing algorithms and systems that utilize both IR and AI approaches

Problem 1: Data Diversity

- Need to identify document semantics: labels, terms and concepts

- Need to identify associations among concepts, terms or labels

Data Diversity: SIFTER Solutions

- **Representation**:
  - Use of thesauri
  - Algorithms to convert data elements to efficiently computable structures

- **Classification**:
  - Use of comprehensive classification schemes
  - Algorithms to cluster or classify to higher level representations

Problem 2: Dynamic Sources

- Local users -> local vocabularies and functions

- New "vocabularies" are introduced and they need to be discovered

Dynamic Sources: SIFTER Solutions

- Distributed knowledge and functions using multi-agent architecture

- Vocabulary discovery based on discriminatory power

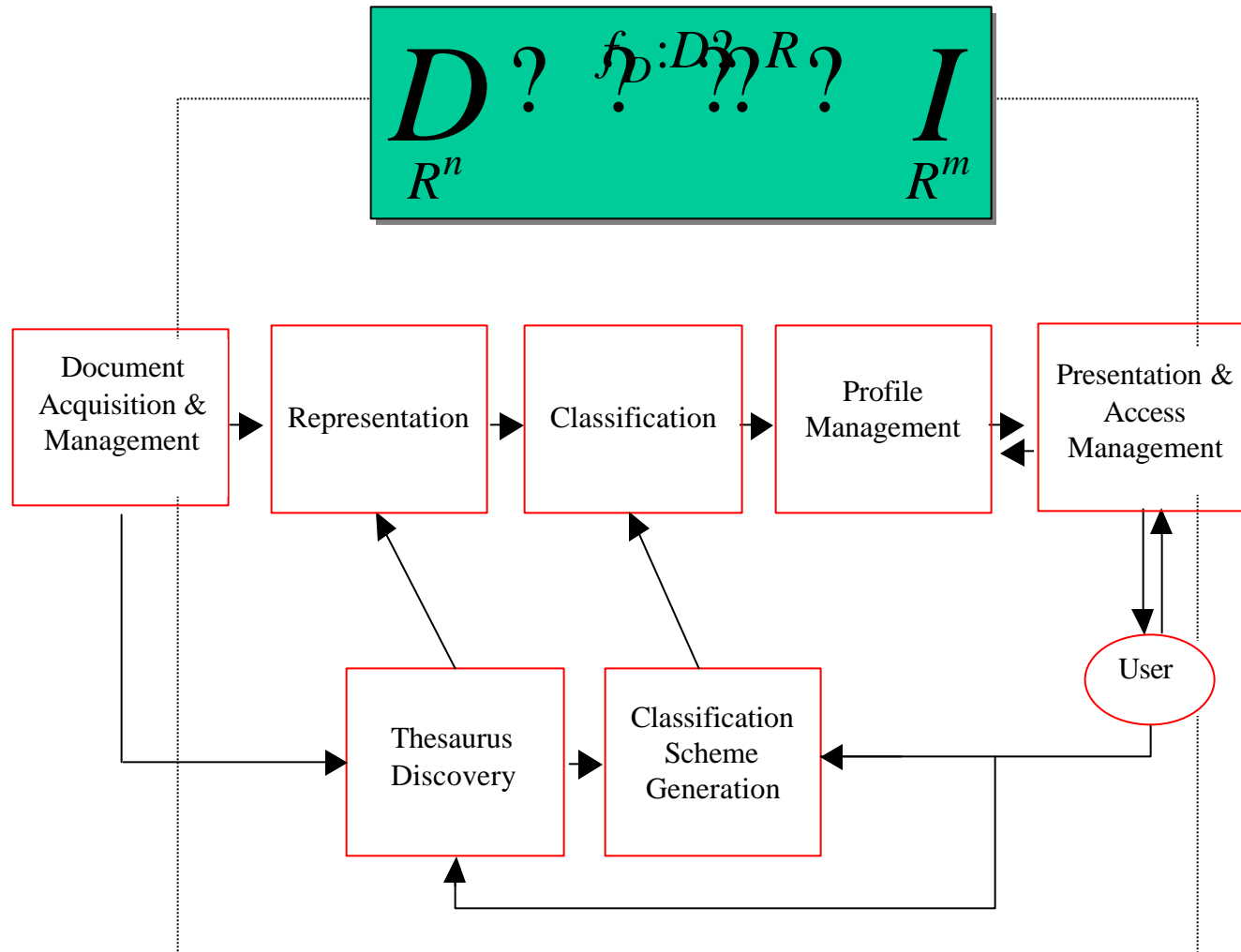- Classification scheme generation and ongoing replenishment

Problem 3: User Need

- Interest information usually covers a small subset of the universe of topics (a profile), therefore service has to be "personalized"

- Identification and capturing of profile cannot rely directly and exclusively on the user

- Interest may not be constant over topics and can change gradually or rapidly

User Need: SIFTER Solution

- User profile modeling: capture interest in a representation that supports topic "exploration" and reduces user involvement

- Promote control and convenient modification

- Detect "interest shifts"

- Support model and domain visualizations

Modeling the Information Filtering Process

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$$R^n \qquad\qquad\qquad R^m$$

Document Acquisition & Management	Representation	Classification	Profile Management	Presentation & Access Management

Thesaurus Discovery	Classification Scheme Generation	User

Capturing User's Interest

- Explicit (topics), rating content, and user behavior

Lam, W. & Mostafa, J. "Modeling User Interest Shift Using a Bayesian Approach".
Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology, 52(5), 416-429, 2001

Representation & Classification

- Representation:
    - Use of thesauri
    - Algorithms to convert data stream to efficiently computable structures
- Classification:
    - Algorithms to cluster or classify to higher level representations

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Automated Approaches

- Learned from existing classification results – used PUBMED for training
- Developed algorithms for vocabulary and association discovery

MeSH Classes
Cell Adhesion
Cell Communication
Cell Death
Cell Movement
Cell Survival
Endocytosis
Antibody Formation
Autoimmunity
Immunocompromised Host
Cytotoxicity Immunologic
Immune Tolerance
Immunity Cellular
Regeneration
Evolulution
Complement Activation

Automatically Produced Classes
Cell, Binding
Cell, Adhesion, Growth, Antigen
Communication, Death
Apoptois
Migration
Production, Motility
Tolerance
Virus
Endocytosis, Receptor
Antibody, Serum
Autoimmune
Tumor
Immunocompromised, Infected
Cytotoxic
Immune, Cell, Response, Gene, Class
Regeneration
Evolution, DNA
Complement, Activation, Plasma, Membrane
Transplant
Muscle
Expression

Mostafa, J., & Lam, W. "Automatic Classification Using Supervised Learning in a Medical Document Filtering Application." *Information Processing & Management*, 36(3), 415-444, 2000

Interactive Term and Cluster Discovery

Diverse Sources: Distributed Services

D-SIFTER

AGENT 1   AGENT 2

SERVER

AGENT 3   AGENT 4

Distributed knowledge & Local functionality

SIFTER-II

users

sifter server

user agents

administrator agent

domain agents

classification agents

wrapper agents

centroid generator service

database

database

Distributed knowledge & Distributed functionality

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Evaluation of Distributed Filtering

- Progressively larger number of users -> larger agent community -> time to classify decreases
- Growing user community -> increasing number of agents -> precision suffers moderately but recall improves
- With increasing number of "user agents" classification efficiency improves

Processing Time   Filtering Performance

SIFTER vs. the best in TREC
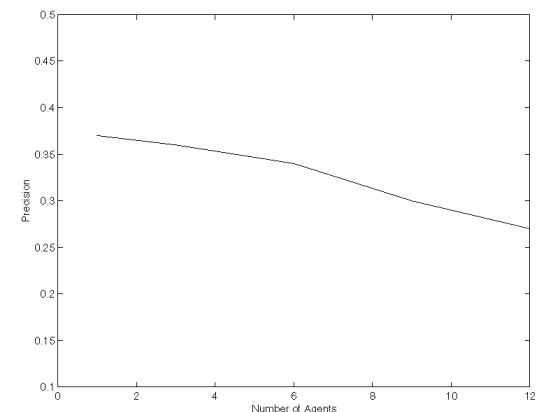
- TREC 2000 Filtering Track OHSUMED collection was used
- 293,856 documents in the test set
- 4967 topics (include OHSU and MeSH topics)
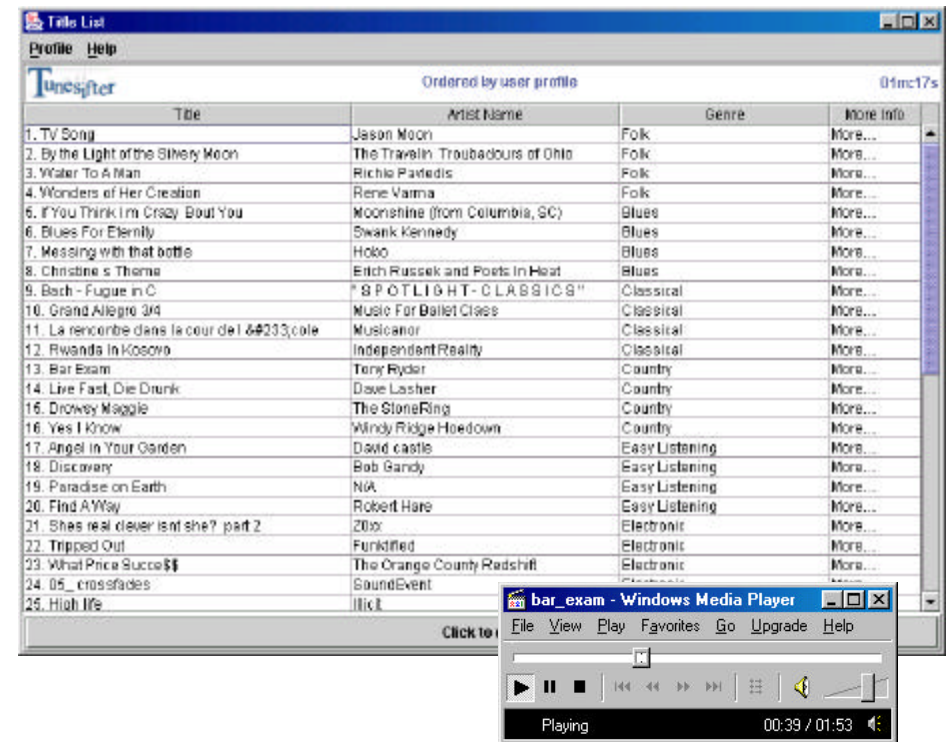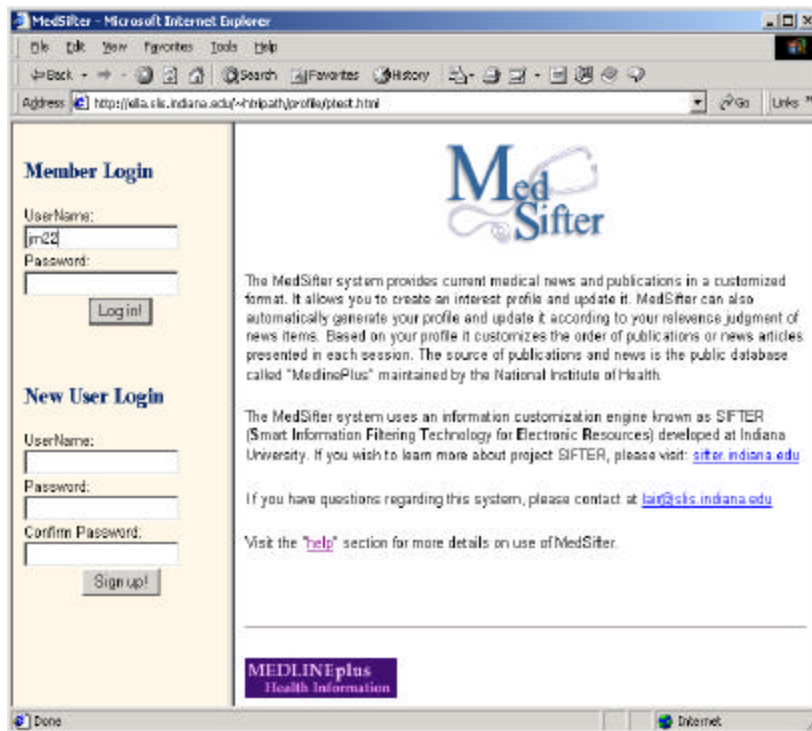- Evaluated BOTH effectiveness and efficiency

SYSTEMS	MnT9P	MnT9U	Proc. Time/doc (in mSec)
Fudan	31.7	-1.1	NA
Microsoft	30.5	-5.3	NA
CMU-Y	26.1	-26.9	NA
KAIST	20	12.2	NA
SIFTER (Theta 0.6)	30.6	-6.5	6165.8
D-SIFTER (3 agents)	29.9	-8.5	1500.7
D-SIFTER (6 agents)	28.8	-11.5	374.1
D-SIFTER (9 agents)	25.5	-23	162.7
D-SIFTER (12 agents)	22.9	-35	97.4
SIFTER-II (3 user agents)	29.1	-10.5	1602.5
SIFTER-II (6 user agents)	27.7	-14	523.2
SIFTER-II (9 user agents)	24.4	-26.5	329.4
SIFTER-II (12 user agents)	22	-38.5	192.1

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Diverse Formats

- Developing systems for health news (text), scholarly research publications (text), music (audio) and cultural information (all major formats)

    - MedSIFTER

    - TuneSIFTER

    - BioSIFTER

    - ViewFinder (CLIOH)
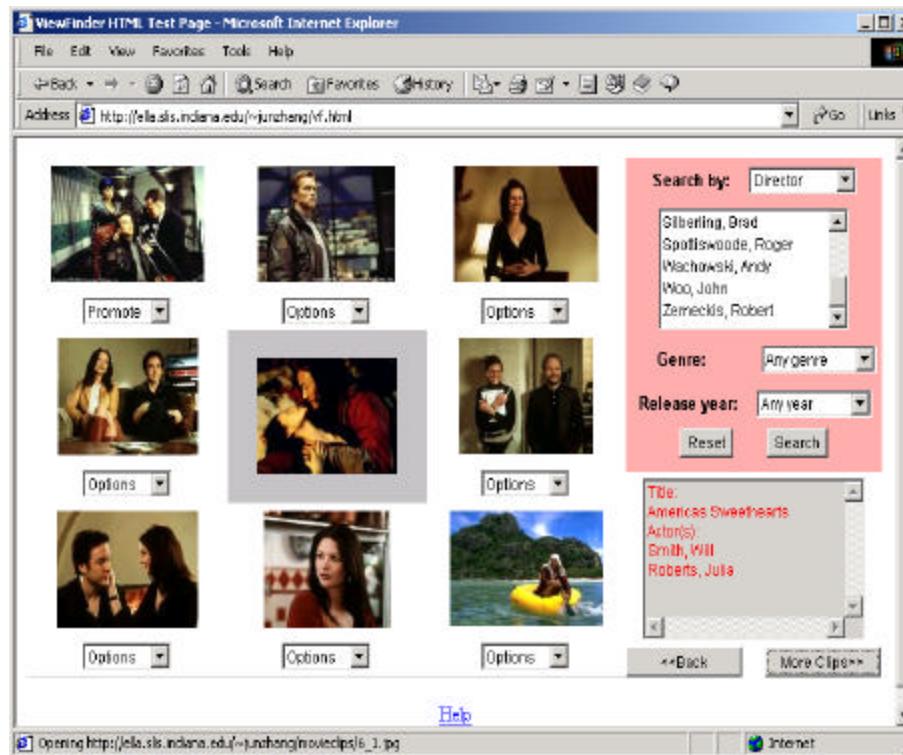
Systems for Different Data Formats: MedSIFTER

Systems for Different Data Formats: BioSIFTER

- Text Data
- Sequence Data
- Structural Data

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Systems for Different Data Formats: CLIOH

ViewFinder

- Video Data
- Audio Data

Beyond Current Challenges

- Cross-format, cross-language, and cross-domain information synthesis in real-time.

- Distributed DLs with both Data & Services

- Integrating Web Services with Multi-agent Searching

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